

Dear Guest Minister or Speaker,

Thank you for agreeing to speak at a Sunday service at our church! Our worship service begins at 11:00 a.m., lasts one hour, and the portion dedicated to the sermon and your readings (if desired) is usually about thirty minutes. It is usually preceded with hymns, a responsive reading, offertory, opening words, prayer or meditation, and a time for sharing our community's joys and sorrows. You can follow your words with an opportunity for discussion as desired. A member of our worship committee will be contacting you with a sample order of service and should be able to answer any questions you have. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, as well. That worship committee member will also lead any portions of the service that you would like. Usually, guest speakers provide a reading, the sermon, and lead any discussion, and our worship coordinator will lead the rest of the service.

Our church has a strong history of a free pulpit. Speakers are encouraged to speak their conscience without fear or censorship. However, ours is a diverse community, particularly in religious belief. In our church you will find people who are Christian, Jewish, Humanist, Atheist or Agnostic, Earth-Centered, and more. We are comfortable with religious language, but ask that this diversity of belief be respected. We also have a diversity of political beliefs. Important to our identity is the fact that we are a Welcoming Congregation, and we welcome people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We come together in the spirit of religious diversity to share our experiences and ideas, and to learn from each other. What we have in common is an openness to new experiences, and a desire to learn more. Our worship services reflect this diversity, as well. They reflect the diversity of our religious beliefs, but also pressing social issues of the day, as well as individuals' insights into living in our community in ways that reflect the depth and sincerity of our beliefs.

For more information about our church or Unitarian Universalism, our church's website (listed above) or the Unitarian Universalist Association's at www.uua.org are good resources. Our church website includes a map to our church. We look forward to your visit!

Blessings,

Rev. Cynthia L. Landrum, D.Min. Minister